

LAST EDITION.

BAKER DREW THE MONEY.

His Body Identified by Paying-Teller Sayres, of the Shoe and Leather Bank.

ALMOST A DAILY CUSTOMER.

Bank Officials Now Certain that He Was the Accomplice of Bookkeeper Seely.

WILL TAKE STEPS TO RECOVER.

An Investigation Is Being Made Into the Value of the Dead Man's Property.

Whether doubt may have existed as to whether Lawyer Frederick Baker, who was found drowned in Hempstead Bay last Saturday, was the customer of the National Shoe and Leather Bank, was effectively dispelled to-day. Gilbert Sayres, paying teller of the bank, went to Sands Point yesterday and positively identified the body as that of the man who for years had drawn sums averaging \$200 almost daily.

This identification was the necessary link to complete the chain of evidence that Baker was the accomplice of Assistant Bookkeeper Seely, who has disappeared since the \$34,000 defalcation was discovered. The bank, upon this assumption, will take steps to recover as much of the stolen money as they can legally.

Mr. Sayres was at his desk in the bank this morning, and gave to an "Evening World" reporter an account of his trip to Baker's country house.

His Identification of Baker.

"I went down to Sands Point yesterday afternoon," he said, "under the instructions of the officers of the bank to ascertain if Baker was really the man who had been dealing with us all these years."

"I knew him as well by sight as any of our customers, for during the eight years I have been paying teller he has come in two or three times every week with checks to cash."

"The peculiarity of the case is that Baker invariably cashed his checks in person. I cannot remember that I ever paid out a single dollar on checks signed by J. Baker excepting to this gentleman in person."

"The amounts varied, but were usually for about \$200. Sometimes they would be as high as \$500 and occasionally less than \$200, but that was about the average."

Shock for His Son.

"As soon as I put my eyes upon the dead man I recognized him instantly. His son Frederick B. Baker was with me beside the body. I saw that it was the man who had drawn money for years from the shoe and leather bank, he seemed to be greatly shocked."

"He told me that it was impossible for him to have ever known the man, and that he had never seen him. He said that he had never seen him, and that he had never seen him."

Never Suspected Wrong.

"Was there ever any suspicion in your mind that Baker's account at the bank was not all right?"

"Not the slightest. Once in a while I would ask Seely, the bookkeeper, how his account stood, and he would give me a satisfactory answer, and was told that he had a good balance. I went right on paying the checks when he presented them, never questioning that his standing in the bank was perfectly sound."

In view of the denials made by Baker's family and his friends that he had ever had any account at the Shoe and Leather Bank, and no one knew that he had any account there, this disclosure is regarded by President Crane and the other officers of the bank as a most important development, and as a basis to ascertain the value of the property which Baker owned, and to see if he had any other property.

May Recover Part of the Money.

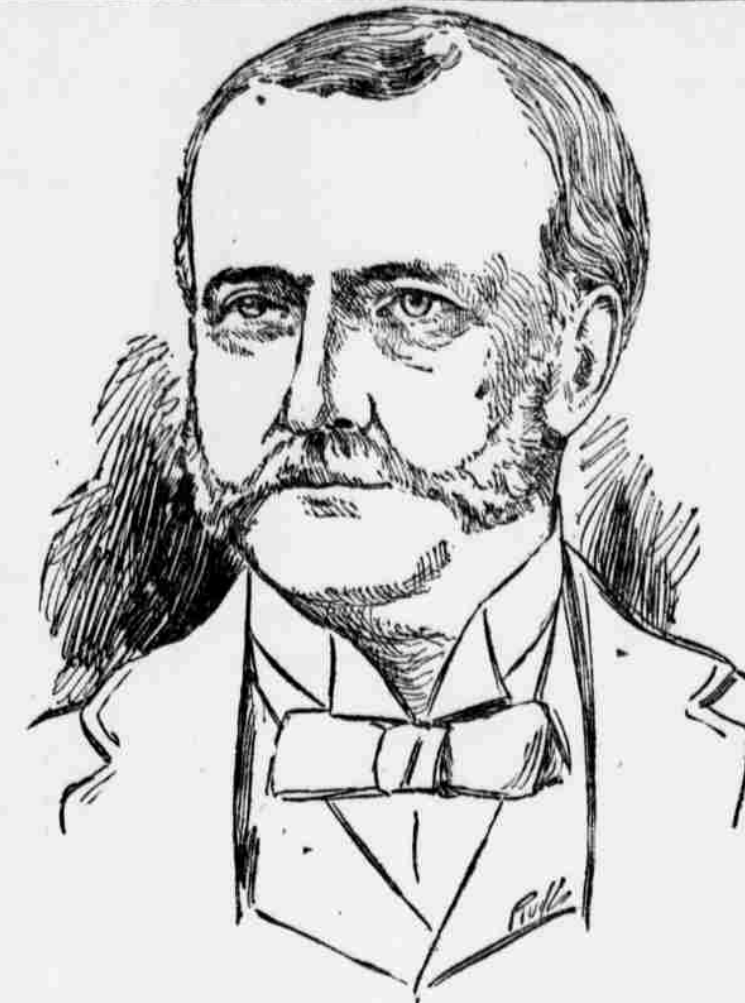
President Crane was at his desk this morning, and when questioned by a reporter said that although it was yet too soon to say what would be done, he believed that the bank would be able to recover the money.

He was in consultation with Bank Examiner Kimball and half a dozen of the directors of the bank this morning before banking hours, and said that he believed there would be no run upon the bank in consequence of the publicity which had been given to the heavy loss of the institution.

Did Not Fear a Run.

"We have received words of encouragement from several of our largest depositors," he said, "both by letter and in person, that they have no intention of withdrawing their accounts, and several have offered to make heavy deposits in addition, should we need the money."

"We have also heard from many of our out-of-town correspondents, saying that they will stand by us."



FREDERICK BAKER.
(Bookkeeper Seely's Accomplice.)

he made upon us, and a meeting of the directors will be held to-day to decide upon the amount of the assessment which will be made upon the stockholders to cover the impairment of the bank's capital.

"I do not anticipate any trouble in inducing them all to come forward and make up the deficiency, and as a matter of fact, I think we shall make the assessment a little larger than is absolutely necessary in order to have a surplus on hand."

To Be Assessed 20 Per Cent.

The directors met this morning and decided to call an assessment of 20 per cent. on the common stock.

The meeting was very harmonious, and after voting the assessment the directors decided upon a new system of bookkeeping, which they declare will do away with any possibility of a recurrence of Seely's crime.

The system includes the changing around of ledgers and a bi-monthly examination of accounts, and also precludes any connivance between a bookkeeper and a depositor.

U. S. District-Attorney Consulted.

Vice-President Poase and Director Beach visited the United States District-Attorney this morning, and refused to say what had taken place between them and that official.

No Excitement at the Bank.

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Bigger than He Used to Be.

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Scarcely a dozen depositors were on hand, and business seemed as quiet as on any other day during the past week.

Cashier Van Vleck said that if \$500,000 could be withdrawn from the bank to-day it would be no more than a walk on Monday, and President Crane's statement that the bank had \$1,500,000 in cash, showed that it was ready to meet any emergency.

Although detectives have been scouring this city and Brooklyn, looking for Seely, they have not yet discovered any clue as to the present whereabouts of the missing bookkeeper. He seems to have successfully covered up every trace of his flight, and it is not even known whether he is dead or alive.

The finding of Lawyer Baker's body has made away with himself also, since the identification by Paying-Teller Sayres of the body as that of the man who had been dealing with the bank, suggests the possibility that Seely may have gone to Sands Point and had an interview with Baker, and then left this city, but as he disappeared more than a week before Baker came to his end there is apparently nothing to connect him with the lawyer's sudden and mysterious death.

Angel Holds the Key.

Lawyer Baker was not at his office at 108 Fulton street this morning. He was the name of Seely's accomplice, he says, and he was the man who had been dealing with the bank.

At the office of Frederick Baker & Son, in the Post building, William B. Shotwell, the old clerk, was on hand, and he was the man who had been dealing with the bank.

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Value of Baker's Property.

He gave the following estimate of the value of the property once owned by Baker and himself jointly, but which has all been transferred either to Mrs. Baker or the sons, Frederick B. and George L., and the daughter, Florence Baker, during the past year:

25 West Seventeenth street, the house in which the family lived, \$22,000
817 East Eleventh street, \$10,000
119 East Eleventh street, \$10,000
321 East Eleventh street, \$10,000
41 Sheritt street, \$10,000
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29 Avenue B, \$14,000
107 107 and 109 Clinton street and 154 Delancey street, \$15,000
211 East Eleventh street, \$10,000
26 Seventh avenue, Brooklyn, \$20,000
Sands Point property, 90 acres, \$20,000

Total, \$166,000

It was said that outside of this Mr. Baker might have other valuable property, but Gen. Merritt did not know what it might be worth.

Mrs. Seely Very Ill.

Mrs. Seely, wife of the defuncting bookkeeper, is in a very precarious condition. She has been in a semi-delirious state since the disappearance of her husband a week ago last Friday, when he confessed to her that he was a defaulter.

The house where Seely lived, 422 Halsey street, Brooklyn, was closed up tight to-day. All the shades were drawn and the door-bell muffled.

Two detectives have been hovering about the neighborhood for several days hoping that Seely will come back to see his sick wife. Among the neighbors a little credence is given to the theory that he played the races and squandered money on women. Everybody on the block says he was apparently a model man and that he was never seen flitting.

It is admitted, however, that Seely might have played the races and been in the company of female companions continually without his friends knowing that he led a double life.

Thought to Be Insane.

One thing all his neighbors and friends agree upon, and that is that Seely at times developed symptoms of insanity. It is believed now by the neighbors that he was insane when he was a family that he is insane. When he returned home from the bank on the Friday night he was last seen he acted like a maniac at times when he confessed to his wife that he was insane for several years.

An "Evening World" reporter called at the Seely home in Brooklyn this morning and there saw Mrs. Bennett, 207a, Seely's mother.

We have not the slightest idea where Samuel is," she said, "nor do we know of any place where he would be likely to go. We have no statement to make, nor will we say anything until Mrs. Seely is well and strong again."

He Said He Would Never Return.

"No, I can't say that we do expect Mr. Seely back. He said he would never return. He may be wandering about somewhere."

W. H. Pierson, of 101 Macon street, Brooklyn, who is Mr. Seely's family physician, was seen at his home this morning. He said that he believed that Seely is insane.

"I have known him for ten years," he said. "He was a very good man, and he had considerable money in the bank. He did not spend it foolishly, I am certain."

Had Doctor's Bills to Pay.

"I do not believe that he had any money," he said. "He was a very good man, and he had considerable money in the bank. He did not spend it foolishly, I am certain."

Thinks He Is a Suicide.

"I believe Seely was insane. He would sit for an hour at a time staring at a spot on the carpet or on the wall. He was very melancholy in disposition, and just the kind of a man to commit suicide."

The Police Are Silent.

Inspector McLaughlin refused to make any positive statement as to whether the Police Department had been officially notified of the Shoe and Leather Bank defalcation.

"This office," he said, "is not making any public statement, especially when no arrests have been made."

He acknowledged, however, that members of his staff were in the Shoe and Leather Bank when the announcement of the defalcation was made.

A KEEL CUP CHALLENGER.

Two English Yachts Will Be Built to Select From.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—It is learned that there is no foundation for the story that differences of opinion between Lord Dunraven and Designer Watson exist. Both gentlemen are working in harmony.

When Lord Dunraven received Mr. H. Maitland Kersey's telegram last week outlining the Committee's decision, he informed Mr. Watson of its contents in a letter which conveyed the impression that all obstacles to the challenge were removed, and asking him to bring the final plan of the new cup challenger to a conference which will be held this week.

GLASGOW, Nov. 25.—George L. Watson, the designer, was interviewed to-day by a representative of the Associated Press, concerning the story that there was a disagreement between himself and Lord Dunraven in regard to the construction of the new cup challenger, whether it was to be a centre-board or keel yacht.

BLINDERS FOR OFFICERS.



An Object Lesson in Modern Banking.

RUSSIA'S EMPRESS.

Princess Alix Wedded to the Czar Nicholas II.

The Dead Emperor's Injunction Speedily Carried Out.

The Late Scene of Mourning Turned to One of Congratulation.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 25.—At 1.30 P. M. to-day, the guns from the fortress announced that Czar Nicholas II. was married to Princess Alix of Hesse-Darmstadt. As this dispatch is sent the newly married couple are receiving the congratulations of the wedding guests in the Palace.

The wedding procession entered the Winter Palace at 1.15 P. M., where, as made several afterwards, were assembled all those who had been invited to be present at the wedding.

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After the carriage of the Princess and the Czarina, followed a long train of carriages with the royal guests, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Irene of Prussia, the Grand Duchess Sergius and other prominent members of the Imperial family as well as all the wedding guests.

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WHO IS THIS THIEF?

Supt. Byrnes Making a Thorough Search of Police Records.

Many Important Documents Found to Be Missing.

The Records from 1865 to 1876 Show Startling Results.

There has been an investigation going on at Police Headquarters for the last week which may reveal some things that the Lexow Committee may see fit to take up when its sessions are resumed.

The work has been conducted so quietly that none of the peripatetic newspaper gathersons continually passing by right when the clerks were examining the big bundles of papers and records, even suspected what was going on.

The investigation is being made at the order of Supt. Byrnes. Like all orders emanating from his office, those selected to execute the same know that to speak to any person concerning their task, excepting the Superintendent himself, would result in the loss of his official head. Hence it is that no intimation of what was going on was even suspected until an "Evening World" reporter learned the truth this afternoon.

Since the beginning of the trials of policemen for bribery and other serious crimes, there has been untold difficulty in finding important documents concerning the accused officers. In some instances, the required papers could not be found at all.

Naturally the suspicion arose that some one had been guilty of tampering with, perhaps stealing outright, documents from the vault where the records are kept.

Attorney Wellman made the statement in a trial before the Commissioner that he had been unable to procure from the Bureau of Records the appointment papers of Supt. Byrnes. Without these papers, he declared, he would be seriously handicapped in making out a case.

Considerable had been said previously in the discovery of a chaotic condition of the records. It was not until the papers in the cases of the two policemen referred to had been examined, that the vault that Supt. Byrnes determined to make an investigation.

If it is true that the papers have been stolen, it will soon be discovered, but it may not be made public unless the Commissioner orders a search.

What are called "appointment papers" contain records of all the examinations through which the officers have passed, together with other documents connected therewith. It is highly important, therefore, at this time, especially in view of the fact that the records are being examined, arranged in alphabetical order and systematically indexed, that all of these documents should be when they can be easily found.

It is said that the papers have been stolen, and that the Commissioner has ordered a search.

YALE MAY NOT PLAY HERE.

Faculty May Declare Saturday's Game with Princeton Off.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 25.—There is a possibility that the game between Yale and Princeton on Saturday will be played from playing at Princeton in New York on Saturday by the action of the Faculty.

One of the professors said last night that the Faculty would probably take some definite action in the matter, as the roughness of the play at Springfield has set them decidedly against any more football by Yale.

There is also a strong belief that the Yale-Harvard football game will be prevented.

Josh Hartwell, of the Yale management, when seen this morning, said that nothing official had yet been heard from the Faculty on the subject by the players or coaches of the team.

If the faculty of Yale should take it into their heads to stop Yale's game it will, in the opinion of college men in this city, be a most extraordinary proceeding.

Yale has been engaged, privileges sold and most of the tickets put into circulation. The Athletic Club, under whose management the arrangements have been made, do not believe that Yale will be prohibited from playing, although some of them would not be surprised at an official protest against the continuance of rough practices in the field.

George Ade, another member of the Committee, had not received any notice of official interference with the game. "I shouldn't be surprised, however," he said, "if the Faculty should try to prevent Saturday's game, but I don't think Saturday's game will be stopped."

Setting Traps for the Howlers.

The Howlers and Blatniks were about last night at Hudson Heights, but the owners of chicken coops were on the alert. Marshal Long has abandoned the negro theory, and is now looking for the Howlers. The tracks were found near the Howlers' camp, and the Howlers are now being hunted.

Premier Brand California Whisky.

Produced from best foreign varieties of grapes superior to those of any other country. The brand is a guarantee of quality.